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SUBJECT: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION - STEAMROLLER TACTICS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, WE EXPRESSED DEEP AND HIGH LEVEL US CONCERN OVER STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF NACG/GROUP 77 AT SPECIAL SESSION TO MFA'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFS.

2. DIRECTOR RECALLED THAT DUTCH AT MEETING OF "GENEVA GROUP" IN 1973 HAD PROPOSED INFORMAL COUNSULTATIONS BETWEEN SELECTED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND THE CONTRIBUTORS' GROUP TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND CONSENSUS BETWEEN DIFFICULT GROUPS IN UN, IN ORDER TO URGE THAT ISSUES BE DISCUSSED ON THEIR MERITS, WITH ALL DUE DELIBERATION, AND CONSENSUS ARRIVED AT ONLY IF IT WAS AUTHENTIC. DUTCH HAD NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE.

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3. IN 1974 DUTCH AGAIN MADE SUCH PROPOSAL, FOCUSING THEIR ATTENTION PARTICULARLY ON THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

4. DIRECTOR STATED GON MOST ASSUREDLY SHARES US CONCERN OVER STEAMROLLING WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE AT THE UN AND IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. HE NOTED THAT AT SAME TIME THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES IN VARIOUS BODIES WHERE CONSENSUS HAS BEEN ACHEIVED AFTER EXTENSIVE GIVE AND TAKE DISCUSSIONS.

5. DIRECTOR SAID GON ASSESSMENT OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION DIFFERS A BIT FROM THAT OF THE US. HE CITED TWO POINTS. (1) GROUP OF 77 WAS PREPARED TO HAVE THEIR PROPOSALS DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY AND DID NOT EXHIBIT TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT ATTITUDE. WHEN ONE COMPARES GROUP'S ORIGINAL PROPOSALS WITH WHAT EVENTUALLY CAME OUT, ONE MUST CONCLUDE OTHERS' VIEWS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. (2) GROUP OF 77 DID NOT REALLY PREVENT DICUSSION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS BECAUSE MOST OF THE LATTER (I.E. FRENCH AND US) WERE INTRODUCED VERY LATER IN THE SESSION. DIRECTOR NOTED HERE THAT THE US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT FORTH ALL OF A SUDDEN WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATION AND THEN WITHDRAWN IN THE SAME MANNER.

6. LOOKING TOWARD THE IMPORTANT ECOSOC SESSION IN JULY, DIRECTOR URGED THAT IF WESTERN NATIONS WANT TO TAKE INITIATIVES THEY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT AN EARLY STAGE, NOTING THAT DUTCH UN MISSION HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH USUN AND DUTCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS DONE LIKEWISE WITH DEPARTMENT.
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